

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

(1) Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

(2) Please add new claims 15-34.

Claims 1-14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (New): A process of partially, or substantially completely, encapsulating a multi-part article with one or more sheets of thermoformable plastics, said process, comprising the steps of:

(a) at least partially encapsulating at least two parts of said multi-part article with at least one sheet of thermoformable plastics, wherein said two parts are maintained in a pre-determined configuration; and

(b) at least partially encapsulating said two parts together with an additional part of said multi-part article.

Claim 16 (New): The process as set forth in claim 15, wherein during said step

(a) said at least two parts are partially encapsulated from one side only by a single said thermoformable sheet.

Claim 17 (New): The process as set forth in claim 16, wherein during said step

(b) said at least two parts are at least partially encapsulated from a side opposite said side in said step (a).

Claim 18 (New): The process as set forth in claim 17, wherein during said step

(a) said at least two parts are at least partially encapsulated from a side opposite and from said side in said step (a).

Claim 19 (New): The process as set forth in claim 18, wherein during said step

(b) said multi-part article is substantially completely encapsulated.

Claim 20 (New): The process as set forth in claim 19, wherein said at least two parts are at least partially encapsulated in said step (a) in a substantially planar configuration.

Claim 21 (New): The process as set forth in claim 20, wherein said at least two parts are at least partially encapsulated in said step (b) in a substantially planar configuration.

Claim 22 (New): The process as set forth in claim 21, wherein said at least two parts are sub-assemblies of a wiring harness.

Claim 23 (New): The process as set forth in claim 18, wherein said at least two parts in said step (a) each have a planar configuration.

Claim 24 (New): The process as set forth in claim 23, wherein after said step (a) a substantially annular sub-assembly is formed from said planar at least two parts.

Claim 25 (New): The process as set forth in claim 24, wherein during said step (b) said annular sub-assemblies are least partially encapsulated to form an annular assembly.

Claim 26 (New): The process as set forth in claim 25, wherein said annular assembly is a multi-tier pallet cage.

Claim 27 (New): The process as set forth in claim 15, wherein said multi-part article is selected from the group consisting of wiring harnesses, cable trays, pallets, and cages for pallets.

Claim 28 (New): A process of encapsulating a multi-part article, said process, comprising the steps of:

- (a) at least partially encapsulating at least two parts of said multi-part article with a single sheet of thermoformable plastics from one side only, wherein said two parts are maintained in a pre-determined configuration; and
- (b) substantially completely encapsulating said two parts together with an additional part of said multi-part article from a side opposite and from said side in said step (a).

Claim 29 (New): The process as set forth in claim 28, wherein said at least two parts are encapsulated in said steps (a) and (b) in a substantially planar configuration, and wherein said at least two parts are sub-assemblies of a wiring harness.

Claim 30 (New): The process as set forth in claim 28, wherein said at least two parts in said step (a) each have a planar configuration, and wherein after said step (a) a substantially annular sub-assembly is formed from said planar at least two parts.

Claim 31 (New): The process as set forth in claim 30, wherein during said step (b) said annular sub-assemblies are encapsulated to form an annular assembly, and wherein said annular assembly is a multi-tier pallet cage.

Claim 32 (New): The process as set forth in claim 28, wherein said multi-part article is selected from the group consisting of wiring harnesses, cable trays, pallets, and cages for pallets.

Claim 33 (New): A partially, or substantially completely, encapsulated multi-part article comprising:

at least two parts of said multi-part article, said at least two parts being in relation to each other to form said multi-part article;

at least one sheet of thermoformable plastics at least partially encapsulating one side said at least two parts to maintain said at least two parts in a pre-determined relationship;

an additional part of said multi-part article, said additional part being in relation with said at least two parts; and

at least two additional sheets of thermoformable plastics at least partially encapsulating said encapsulated at least two parts with said additional part, one of said at least two additional sheets at least partially encapsulating a side opposite said side encapsulated by said at least one sheet of said at least two parts, and the other of said at least two additional sheets at least partially encapsulating said side encapsulated by said at least one sheet of said at least two part.

Claim 34 (New): The process as set forth in claim 33, wherein said multi-part article is selected from the group consisting of wiring harnesses, cable trays, pallets, and cages for pallets.